

Attorney Docket: 009848-0356700  
Client Reference: L3025 US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:  
STEFAN VERSECK , ET AL.  
Application No.: 10/593,357

Confirmation Number: 8910

Group Art Unit: 1637

Filed: September 18, 2006

Examiner:

Title: NITRILE HYDRATASES FROM METAGENOME LIBRARIES

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2008, in connection with the above identified application, the time for responding extended to May 4, 2009 (May 3, 2009, fell on a Sunday) by a petition for extension of time, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks:

The **Claims** begin at **page 2**.

The **Remarks** begin at **page 6**.

***Petition for Extension of Time:***

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time to extend the time period for reply from March 3, 2009 to May 3, 2009. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 033975, Order No. 009848-0356700, for the requisite extension fee and any other fees due in connection with this submission.